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# ILLINOIS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The Illinois Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is one of five Divisions within the Department of Law Enforcement. It is an investigative, policing body with jurisdiction throughout the State of Illinois. A major portion of DCI's resources is devoted to suppressing traffic of illicit drugs, developing strategic and tactical criminal intelligence data, investigating serious offenses (especially those involving fraud or multi-jurisdictional crime) and apprehending fugitives. DCI provides support to all Divisions of the Department of Law Enforcement, as well as to many county, municipal and federal law enforcement agencies.

The goal of the Division of Criminal Investigation is to respond to the needs of Illinois citizens and local law enforcement agencies by supplying professional investigative services and maintaining effective communication with the public and other governmental entities. Specifically, the Division seeks to provide those investigative services which exceed the manpower and resource capabilities of police in most communities and which are not provided by federal authorities.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is composed of the following commands:

- Operational Services Command
- Criminal Intelligence Command
- Operations Command,
- Office of Metropolitan Enforcement.

## OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMAND

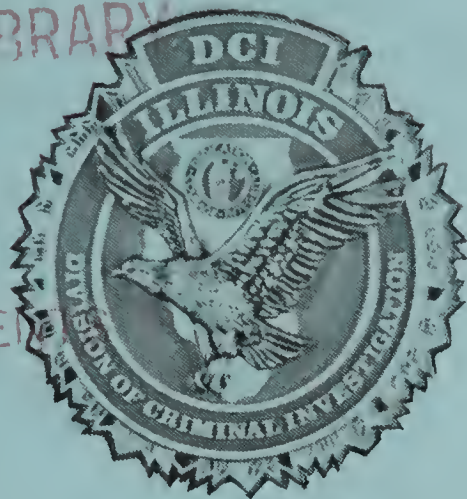
Provides centrally controlled, administrative and professional services which support the enforcement efforts of other components of the Division. Operational Services Command performs in-



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vestigative record keeping functions, operates the communications apparatus at the Headquarters facility and maintains the Division's Management Information System. Responsibility for providing executive staff support is also vested in this component of the organization. Such duties and responsibilities include maintaining budget; accounting and personnel records; planning and research; providing legislative liaison; and State-wide media/press coordination.

## **CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COMMAND**

The Criminal Intelligence Command provides support to law enforcement operations by monitoring the activities of serious criminal violators. The Command is responsible for developing strategic and tactical information concerning the origins, activities, personnel and incidents of major criminal activities on a State-wide basis. In carrying out this responsibility, the Command is charged to collect, evaluate, collate, analyze and disseminate intelligence data. The resulting intelligence data is available for targeting significant criminal operations, supporting Department of Law Enforcement operations and to meet the legitimate informational needs of other law enforcement agencies. The Command's personnel are assigned to two operational areas, namely the Northern and Southern Intelligence Areas, with offices in Des Plaines, and Springfield.

## **OPERATIONS COMMAND**

Conducts all investigative and enforcement ac-

tivities in which the Division engages. Operations Command is separated into four geographic areas which are, in turn, subdivided into zones and fraud offices. This arrangement facilitates greater access by Illinois citizens to the services which the agency provides. Investigative activities undertaken by Field Agents include general criminal assignments, arson, narcotics enforcement activities and suppression of “white collar” crime, including Public Aid recipient fraud. The Command also operates a number of specialized investigative functions. A Race Track Unit is responsible for preserving the integrity of horse racing throughout the State. HAZMIN Agents provide investigative assistance to the Environmental Protection Agency in its effort to enforce the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Act. The Bi-State Auto Theft Unit (BATU) is a task force type organization composed of representatives from various state and local law enforcement jurisdictions in Illinois and Indiana. It is specifically charged with responsibility for suppressing the offense of auto theft and investigating “chop shop operations” primarily in the Chicago metropolitan area. Another Chicago based component, the Special Operations Unit, handles complex or unusually sensitive investigations.

## **OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN ENFORCEMENT**

The Office of Metropolitan Enforcement administers the Department’s duties set forth in the Intergovernmental Drug Law Enforcement Act and is responsible for the operational and fiscal functions of the nine current MEG Units which operate in the State. The concept of the MEG Units arose when local law enforcement agencies realized that they could not deal effectively with drug trafficking by themselves. The communities lacked financial resources and they were unable to use their police officers in undercover roles because they were known in their respective areas. Many communities discovered the simple, yet effective principle that more can be accomplished



collectively. Thus, the Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEG) were formed.

When a MEG Unit is created, the local participating agencies sign a contract outlining the personnel, money and resources allocated by each agency to the Unit. The Unit then is eligible for up to 50 per cent funding by the State of Illinois/Department of Law Enforcement for operational costs. Each MEG Unit is governed by a policy board which is comprised of an elected official and the chief law enforcement officer of each participating agency. A Unit Director is appointed by the policy board and law enforcement officers from the participating agencies are then assigned to MEG. The Division of Criminal Investigation has placed Special Agents in some of the Units, thereby coordinating state, county, and local personnel. The activities of the MEG units are monitored by two DCI Special Agents-In-Charge in order to ensure efficient and cost effective drug investigations and coordination of DCI and MEG Unit investigative efforts.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT/DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SPECIAL AGENTS**

Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents are generally recruited from other Divisions within the Department of Law Enforcement.

The following requirements must be met to qualify for the Department and future consideration of assignment to the Division of Criminal Investigation.

- ☆ 21 to 36 years of age, 20 years of age accepted if person has successfully completed 2 years (60 semester hours, 90 quarter hours) of law enforcement studies at an accredited college or university.
- ☆ Minimum requirement for a Department of Law Enforcement Officer is to be a high school graduate or possess a high school equivalency certificate. Assignment as a Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agent requires that the applicant possess a bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited institution of higher learning or have successfully completed 2 years of law enforcement studies from any institute of higher learning (60 semester hours, 90 quarter hours) plus 3 years law enforcement experience as a sworn member of a federal, county, municipal or campus law enforcement unit.
- ☆ Vision at, or corrected to, 20/20 in each eye with no color blindness, and 100% depth perception.

- ☆ Physically fit and agile with weight in proportion to height and no amputations which affect or interfere with the nature of work.
- ☆ Citizen of the United States with no felony convictions.
- ☆ Acceptance of assignment anywhere in the state.
- ☆ Possess a valid driver's license.
- ☆ Successful completion of such mental and physical tests, oral interviews and background investigations as may be prescribed by the Department of Law Enforcement Merit Board.

Any person meeting the above qualifications may apply to the Department of Law Enforcement Merit Board, 3087-3089 South Dirksen Parkway, Capitol City Shopping Center, Springfield, IL 62703

Special Agents of DCI are assigned to offices in the following locations:

<b>DCI Headquarters</b>	<b>DCI Chicago Office,</b>
<b>500 Armory Bldg. North</b>	<b>53 W. Jackson Blvd.</b>
<b>Springfield, IL 62706</b>	<b>14th Floor</b>
<b>217/782-6053</b>	<b>Chicago, IL 60604</b>
<b>Sterling Office, Zone 1</b>	<b>312/793-2620</b>
<b>815/625-4204</b>	<b>Special Operations Unit</b>
<b>Elgin Office, Zone 2</b>	<b>Elmhurst, IL 60126</b>
<b>312/697-6430</b>	<b>312/530-3605</b>
<b>Des Plaines Office, Zone 3</b>	<b>Bi-State Auto Theft Unit</b>
<b>312/827-9770</b>	<b>Palos Heights, IL 60463</b>
<b>Palos Heights Office, Zone 4</b>	<b>312/371-4693</b>
<b>312/371-4693</b>	<b>Northeast Metropolitan</b>
<b>Joliet Office, Zone 5</b>	<b>Enforcement Group</b>
<b>815/726-9172</b>	<b>Broadview, IL 60153</b>
<b>Bloomington Office, Zone 6</b>	<b>312/449-1000</b>
<b>309/663-9531</b>	<b>Quad Cities MEG</b>
<b>Moline Office, Zone 7</b>	<b>Moline, IL 61265</b>
<b>309/755-8622</b>	<b>309/797-1411</b>
<b>Peoria Office, Zone 8</b>	<b>Kankakee MEG</b>
<b>309/692-2100</b>	<b>Bourbonnais, IL 60914</b>
<b>Springfield Office, Zone 9</b>	<b>815/933-3953</b>
<b>217/782-4750</b>	<b>Carbondale MEG</b>
<b>Champaign Office, Zone 10</b>	<b>Murphysboro, IL 62966</b>
<b>217/333-1211</b>	<b>618/457-2514</b>
<b>Collinsville Office, Zone 11</b>	<b>Vermilion County MEG</b>
<b>618/345-2700</b>	<b>Danville, IL 61832</b>
<b>Effingham Office, Zone 12</b>	<b>217/443-1466</b>
<b>217/536-6165</b>	<b>Joliet Mans Unit</b>
<b>Marion Office, Zone 13</b>	<b>Joliet, IL 60431</b>
<b>618/997-9431</b>	<b>815/726-5944</b>
<b>Macomb Office, Zone 14</b>	<b>North Shore Metropolitan</b>
<b>309/837-9981</b>	<b>Enforcement Group</b>
<b>Rockford Office, Zone 16</b>	<b>Deerfield, IL 60015</b>
<b>815/987-7440</b>	<b>312/295-2310</b>
<b>Elmhurst Office, Zone 20</b>	<b>MEG of Southwestern Illinois</b>
<b>Race Track Unit</b>	<b>Wood River, IL 62905</b>
<b>312/530-3601</b>	<b>618/254-1796</b>
	<b>Multi-County Narcotic</b>
	<b>Enforcement Group</b>
	<b>Peoria, IL 61602</b>
	<b>309/673-3465</b>